

Let no Man Despise Thy Youth

1 Tim 4:12

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Timothy: Young man.

Caught in credibility gap between youth and adulthood

Jewish mindset---not adult until 40 yrs

Timothy--late thirties.

Jeremiah faced the problem of being intimidated because of his youth. Jer 1:6-9

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Don't let anyone think less of you because young

Despise: Think against, disesteem, disdain, think little or nothing of.

Youth: Youthful age. Newness.

but be thou an example of the believers,

Example: model, die, a pattern. Someone to emulate.

Of the believers: Christians.

Matthew 5:16

best way gain respect--by your life.

Thomas Brooks: ... When a manifest pattern of godliness is missing, the power is drained out of preaching, leaving it a hollow, empty shell. A minister's life is his most powerful message, and must reinforce what he says or he may as well not say it. Authoritative preaching is undermined if there is not a virtuous life backing it up.

1 Corinthians 4:16 Philippians 3:17 Philippians 4:9

Paul saying--since doesn't have long track record in ministry needs to establish credibility.

How be a good example:

1. Speech

in word: philosophy put on display by words.

Prov 10:20 *The tongue of the just is as choice silver*

Prov.6:17 God hates lying tongue

Prov.6:24 Flattering tongue of strange woman

Prov.10:20 Tongue of just as choice silver

Prov 10:31 Foward tongue cut out

Prov 12:18 Tongue of wise is health

Prov 15:2 Tongue of wise useth knowledge aright

Prov 15:4 Wholesome tongue a tree of life

Prov 17:4 Naughty tongue

Prov 17:20 Perverse tongue

Prov 18:21 Powerful tongue "Death and life in power of t."

Prov 21:23 Keep tongue...keep soul from trouble

Prov 25:15 Soft tongue breaketh the bones

Prov 10:31 The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom:

George Elliott: *Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving wordy evidence of the fact.*

Just. righteous, set apart, holy.

Bringeth forth wisdom: outwardly evidences wisdom.

Eccl 8:5 Eccl 10:12 Mat 12:34

Mat 12:35

Treasure of the heart: inner store house of heart (full cup).

Bringeth forth: flings forth; throws out

Mat 12:36

Idle: useless, careless, worthless, inoperative, non-working—speech that has not been planned and thought out.

Give an account: answer to God

Day of Judgment: Lost—Great White Throne; Christians—Judgment Seat of Christ.

Mat 12:37

Justified: proven to be; evidenced; acquitted;

Condemned: sentenced; proven to be wicked and guilty.

Every man fully responsible for what he is, does, thinks and speaks.

Prov 15:7

Disperse: toss about; diffuse; winnow, cast away, fan, scatter, spread

Knowledge: experiential, relational

Hubbard: *it leads to discipleship, no less, no more.*

Prov 15:2 *The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright*

Ryrie: uses it skillfully, making it desirable

Mat 7:6

A wise man has learned that God's word does not return void

Isa 55:11 Psa 126:6 Mat 13:3-9

Eccl 12:8-10 ... because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs. 10 The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth.

Disperse knowledge: Always tells truth...gives the facts.

Ephesians 4:25 ...putting away lying,

Don't have to remember what said if always tell truth.

Mac.: *Nothing more surely reveals a sinful soul and more swiftly destroys a leader's credibility than lies. Absolute honesty is essential for one who speaks on behalf of the "God who cannot lie" (Titus 1:2; Heb. 6:18), and who hates lying (Prov. 6:16–17; 12:22).*

Prov 25:11

A word: cause, matter.

Fitly: Properly put together; properly shaped; Appropriate, suited, prepared, *Spoken:* utter, answer, speak, address

When find a person who can speak right thing at precisely right time and place--very beautiful sight.

Apples of gold in pictures of silver:

Stuart: *The idea is that of a garment of precious stuff, on which are embroidered golden apples among picture work of silver. Costly and precious was such a garment held to be; for besides the ornaments upon it, the material itself was of high value.*

Words which adapt themselves to attitude of hearer.

Thomas: *Circumstances modify the condition of the soul; physical suffering, social bereavement, moral conviction, create in the mind new seasons.*

Spoken in right spirit

Bridges: *We may think to relieve our conscience by speaking our mind. But to do it rudely and harshly, may put a stumbling-block in our brother's way. The apples of gold in their beautiful cover, evidently imply good sense, and good taste with good things.*

Spoken at right time

It is always right to speak the truth but truth must be spoken at the right time. They may be unfit words because it was spoken at the wrong time.

Spoken with all facts

James 1:19 Prov 18:13 Prov 15:28

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Studieth: to ponder, imagine, meditate.

Webster's dictionary: *to apply the mind so as to acquire knowledge or understanding...to investigate; to give careful attention to and critical examination and investigation of any subject, event, etc.*

Heart: center of man's being, ...

Righteous: set apart from sin and the world. Set apart unto God. Holy

Answer: Reply, response, echo.

Prov 29:11

Uttereth : Idea of giving full vent to ones feelings.

Eccl 3:7 ... a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

Eccl 8:5 ... and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment.

2. Testimony

... in conversation, Manner of life, conduct, behavior, deportment;
If want to gain respect make sure lifestyle consistent with message
Titus 1:16 2 Timothy 3:5,7 Matthew 23:27
People follow life more than words

3. Love

in charity, total giving, sacrificial love.
Love which demands nothing in return.
Unconditional love.
Love without strings.
John 15:13 Matthew 6:1-2

4. Spirit

...in spirit, attitude, discernment
Mighty in spirit.
Inner man.

5. Faithful

...in faith, Trusting God.
Faithful and loyal
Consistent/constant
Unswerving commitment to Christ.
2 Timothy 2:2 1 Corinthians 4:2
Faith and love go hand in hand.
1 Timothy 1:14 2 Timothy 1:13 1 Timothy 2:15 2 Timothy 2:22
1 Thessalonians 3:6

6. Pure

...in purity chaste, pure,
Mind, will, emotions, motives, actions
Primarily referring to area of sexuality.
Nothing will so destroy a person's credibility than sexual impurity.
1 Tim 3:2 2 Tim 2:22 Psalm 24:3-4 Proverbs 20:9 Matthew 5:8
1 Timothy 5:2 ,22 1 John 3:3

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